Message

From: Videtich, Callie [Videtich.Callie@epa.gov]

Sent: 8/29/2014 3:18:35 PM

To: Hoskie, Sadie [Hoskie.Sadie@epa.gov]

CC: O'Connor, Darcy [oconnor.darcy@epa.gov]; Minter, Douglas [Minter.Douglas@epa.gov]; Chin, Lucita

[Chin.Lucita@epa.gov]; Thomas, Deb [thomas.debrah@epa.gov]

Subject: Re: my phone call to John Mays, Powertech

Sadie

These are good talking points for your call.

Could u or staff get a few bullets to Darcy today on status of the permit development. Darcy will get that info in a binder they are going to give Shaun on Tuesday on status of lots of issues since he has been out of the office.

Also, Please schedule a briefing for me to update me on the status of the permit and schedule, NHPA. We need to provide Shaun a comprehensive briefing in the near future

Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 28, 2014, at 12:18 PM, "Hoskie, Sadie" < Hoskie. Sadie@epa.gov> wrote:

John Mays from Powertech has been calling the UIC program (Douglas) for weeks now wanting to know the status of their permit applications and the AE. His most recent call was to get a general sense of timing for our proposed decisions. He (or someone else from Powertech) may call Shaun. There was an article in the Rapid City newspaper last week and the Assistant AG for SD McGuigan said, "he has been unable to find any information that shows the Environmental Protection Agency has started proceedings on Powertech's application for a large-scale mining permit." Powertech knows that we have been working on drafting the permits so this statement by SD caused them some alarm. I am proposing to call Mr. Mays back and use the following talking points.

- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->.EPA Region 8 continues to work diligently toward proposing our decisions on the Class III and V permits and associated aquifer exemption.
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->We cannot provide a specific time projection for proposing our decisions.
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->When the permits are announced it will include a 60 day comment period and we will hold two public hearings near the project site.
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->We are working on the necessary ESA, NHPA and general tribal consultation-related activities prior to draft permit issuance.
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->We will endeavor to issue these proposed decisions as soon as we can.
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Thank you for your continued interest and we appreciate your patience.

Please let me know if you are ok with this or if you have suggestions please let me know. I plan to call him this afternoon.